

# Southern Perspective of The Civil War

Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson

# The Early Years

- \*Jackson was the third child of Julia Neale and Jonathan Jackson.
- \*He was born on January 21, 1824 in Clarksburg, Virginia (West Virginia)
- \*In March 1862 the family lost both six year old Elizabeth and Jonathan Jackson to typhoid fever.
- \*In March 1862 Laura Ann was born to Jackson's mother.



- \*Jackson and sister Laura Ann were sent to live with an uncle. (Cummins Jackson)
- \*Older brother Warren went to live family from their mother's side.
- \*Julia Jackson married Blake Woodson in 1830.
- \*In 1831, Julia died of complications from giving birth.
- \*Jackson and Laura were by their mother's bedside when she died.
- \*Laura was sent to family members on their mother's side and Jackson went to his Aunt Polly and Uncle Isaac Brake.
- \*Jackson ran away and went to his Uncle Cummins who raised him for seven years.
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\*1842 - Jackson started attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.

\*He graduated 17th out of 59th in the class of 1846.

\*Fought in the Mexican-American War from 1846-1848.

\*He fought at the Siege of Veracruz, Battle of Contreras, Battle of Chapultepec, and Battle of Mexico City.

\*He entered the war as a brevet second lieutenant and earned two brevet promotions. Earned the army rank of major by the end of the war.





Years At VMI

\*1851 - Jackson became a teacher at the Virginia Military Institute. (VMI)

\*He was the first Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy and Instructor of Artillery.

\*He was not a popular teacher. His method of teaching involved memorizing his lessons and reciting them from memory. If a student asked for help he would just repeat the same information.

\*He was loved as an artillery teacher.

\*1856 - a group of alumni tried to have Jackson removed as a teacher.

\*Students made fun of his stern, religious nature and unique traits.



# Life in Lexington

\*The house in Lexington was the only house that Jackson ever owned.

\*In 1855 - he created a Sunday school class for blacks at the Presbyterian Church.

\*Jackson taught the class with the assistance of his second wife.

\*Jackson owned six slaves. Hetty, Cyrus, and George were wedding presents. Albert - requested that Jackson purchase him and allow him to earn his freedom through working and raising money. He worked at a waiter and was rented to VMI. Amy was purchased at a public auction and served the family as a housekeeper and cook.

\*1853 - Jackson married Elinor "Ellie" Junkin. They lived in the president's residence (now known as the Lee-Jackson House)

\*October 22, 1852 - Ellie gave birth to a stillborn son and died from complications later that day.

\*Jackson went on a tour of Europe to recover from his loss.





\*1857 - Jackson married Mary Anna Morrison.

\*April 30, 1858 - Mary gave birth to a daughter (Mary Graham) who died a month later.

\*1859 - Jackson purchased a house in Lexington. (8 East Washington St.) He only had the opportunity to live in the house for two years.

\*Mary will give birth to a daughter in 1862. (Julia Laura)





\*After Harper's Ferry, John Brown was sentenced to hang in Charles Town Virginia.

\*Major Jackson was in command of the artillery and 21 cadets at the hanging.

\*This event occurred in November 1859.



# The American Civil War



# First Battle of Mansassas

\*Jackson became a drill master for new recruits to the Confederate army.

\*April 27, 1861 - Colonel Jackson took command of the “Stonewall Brigade” consisting of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 27th, and 33rd Virginia Infantry regiments.

\*July 1861 - First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run)

\*Jackson’s troops reinforced Henry House Hill and stopped a Union assault. They suffered more casualties than any other Southern brigade at that battle.

\*Jackson was promoted to major general (October 7, 1861). He was given command of the Valley District. His headquarters would be located in Winchester.